

Definition of the Credit Hour



Federal Definition of the Credit Hour

All Urban College of Boston courses must adhere to the credit hour standard below. The definition of the credit hour, both at the Federal level and as applied by Urban College of Boston, is below.

The Federal definition states that "A credit hour is an amount of work represented in intended learning outcomes and verified by evidence of student achievement that is an institutionally-established equivalency that reasonably approximates not less than:

- One hour of classroom or direct faculty instruction and a minimum of two hours of out-of-class student work each week for approximately fifteen weeks;
- Or at least an equivalent amount of work as required in paragraph (1) of this definition for other activities as established by an institution, including laboratory work, internships, practica, studio work and other academic work leading toward the awarding of credit hours."

The Urban College of Boston Equivalencies of the Credit Hour

The institutionally established equivalencies to the Federal definition of the credit hour at Urban College of Boston are below. These standards apply to all courses.

For each semester hour of credit, classes that meet in a face-to-face format must include one 50-minute period with the instructor and two hours of outside of class work for 15 weeks.

1 credit hour = 50 minutes contact + 120 minutes outside work over 15 weeks for a total of 2,550 minutes of student effort.